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**FCC ANNOUNCES THE AGENDA FOR “FCC-NCAI
ITI ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE”
JULY 28-29, 2005, IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

**FCC and National Congress of American Indians to participate in intergovernmental Indian
Telecommunications Initiatives program examining issues critical to
telecom and broadcast deployment in Indian Country**

Washington, D.C. - As part of the FCC's Indian Telecommunications Initiatives program (ITI), and in cooperation with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the oldest and largest inter-Tribal government association in the United States, the FCC will host its fourth ITI Regional Workshop and Roundtable on July 28 and 29 in Albuquerque, NM, at the Embassy Suites Hotel Albuquerque. The agenda will examine technology deployment issues on Tribal lands and the related economic empowerment of Indian Country. Tribal leaders and technology representatives, economic development and community planning managers, and telecommunications industry representatives are encouraged to attend these intergovernmental meetings.

Subjects addressed will highlight increased opportunities for increased delivery of distance learning, telemedicine, public safety, e-commerce, and governmental involvement through telecom and broadcast technologies. FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps will be making keynote remarks. The event is free of charge to registrants. This ITI event will build upon the successes of the FCC's previous ITI Regional Workshop and Roundtables, held in Reno, Nevada, in July 2003, in Rapid City, South Dakota, in May of 2004, and on the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Reservation in Idaho in November of 2004.

The “ITI-NCAI” Program

Hosted in the context of the trust relationship shared by the FCC and Tribal Nations, this event is designed to increase the understanding of essential telecom and broadcast issues and policies affecting Indian Country and to increase the intergovernmental consultation with Tribal Nations. Regional specific issues will be examined in interactive, solution-oriented sessions targeting how infrastructure deployment, emerging technologies, strategic planning and government programs can be used to benefit Tribal communities. “ITI-NCAI” is designed to increase the understanding of essential telecom and broadcast deployment issues and policies affecting Indian Country and to increase the intergovernmental consultation with Tribal Nations.

The Workshop on July 28 is designed to provide clear, practical information that Tribal Nations can use to prioritize their economic development goals and telecom and broadcast deployment agendas. “ITI-NCAI” will examine issues involving development of broadband services, accessing wireless spectrum, universal

service support regulations involving Tribal governments, radio broadcasting, and homeland security and public safety communications planning, among other subjects.

The July 29 Roundtable, hosted by NCAI and the FCC's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, will provide an interactive consultative opportunity for federal officials and Tribal representatives to discuss telecommunications needs and priorities, and Commission rules, programs, and policies affecting Tribal lands. The "ITI-NCAI" Roundtable will provide an opportunity for Tribes to discuss priorities in regional and national telecommunications policy making efforts and local Tribal efforts to deploy effective telecommunications systems and increase subscribership.

Registration for "ITI-NCAI" and More Information

Tribal leaders and representatives, and planning and economic development managers are encouraged to attend. Telecommunications industry representatives are welcome to attend these intergovernmental meetings. To register for the ITI-NCAI Regional Workshop and Roundtable, or to obtain additional information, please call 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) press number 5 and follow the prompts to leave your full contact information, call 202-418-2513, fax 202-418-1414, or e-mail your full contact information to iti-info@fcc.gov.

The Embassy Suites Hotel is located at 1000 Woodward Place NE in Albuquerque. Participants can make reservations online at www.embassysuites.com or by calling 1-800-EMBASSY. The hotel's direct telephone number is 505-245-7100.

For more information on the ITI-NCAI Regional Workshop and Roundtable please contact Geoffrey Blackwell, FCC Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-8192, geoffrey.blackwell@fcc.gov; or Ginger Clark, FCC Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at 202-418-2050, ginger.clark@fcc.gov. Updates and further information will also be made available on the FCC's Tribal Initiatives website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/indians>.

THE “ITI-NCAI” REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE AGENDA:

Federal Communications Commission
Indian Telecommunications Initiatives

FCC-NCAI ITI REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE

Embassy Suites Hotel Albuquerque
Sandia Ballroom I-III
Albuquerque, New Mexico
July 28-29, 2005

Workshop Agenda – July 28, 2005

8:00 AM Registration

8:30 AM OPENING

Master of Ceremonies Geoffrey C. Blackwell (Muscogee (Creek) Nation)
Senior Attorney and Liaison to Tribal Governments
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Opening Invocation Amadeo Shije (Zia Pueblo)
Chairman
All Indian Pueblo Council

8:45 AM WELCOMING REMARKS

Amadeo Shije (Zia Pueblo)
Chairman
All Indian Pueblo Council

The Honorable Joe Garcia
Governor, San Juan Pueblo
First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians

Daniel Gonzalez
Chief of Staff, Office of Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission

9:15 –9:45 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission

9:45–11:15 AM

KEY ISSUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Presentations by Tribal leadership and administrative officials, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, and a Tribal broadcasters association on issues that impact decision-making and goals in tribally-driven telecom

and broadcast solutions, designed to lay a foundation for further discussion of the key communications matters impacting Indian Country. Topics will include:

- Governance and administration of Tribal community and economic growth projects through deployment of telecommunications and broadcast services
- Policies and programs that facilitate deployment and create incentives to work with Tribal governments and provide services in Indian Country
- Viewpoints on establishing successful Tribal broadcasting entities
- Perspectives on the application of tribal sovereign authority and abilities and relative regulatory roles in the development of Tribal communications projects
- Potential impacts of Homeland Security and Public Safety interoperability policies and initiatives on existing and future Tribal telecom infrastructure deployment

Moderator: The Honorable Joe Garcia
Governor, San Juan Pueblo
First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians

The Honorable Nora McDowell
Chairperson, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

The Honorable Lynda M. Lovejoy (Navajo Nation)
Commissioner, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission

Ben Standifer, Jr. (Tohono O'odham Nation)
Chief Information Officer, Tohono O'odham Nation

Loris Ann Taylor (Hopi Tribe)
Executive Director, Center for Native American Public Radio

11:15–11:30 PM MORNING BREAK

11:30–1:00 PM

WIRELESS SPECTRUM: ACQUIRING LICENSED SPECTRUM AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL PROJECTS IN LICENSED AND UNLICENSED SPECTRUM

Presentations by FCC officials and Tribal telecom project representatives addressing multiple ways of accessing spectrum for the provision of wireless services. Topics will include:

- The FCC's spectrum auction processes and strategies for secondary markets access to spectrum, including partitioning, disaggregation, and leasing
- Viewpoints of Tribal technology project planners on infrastructure siting goals and the integration wireless solutions with complementary solution platforms
- Practical perspectives of Tribal planners and government representatives operating unlicensed wireless networks and seeking licensed spectrum through secondary markets

Moderator: Sue McNeil
Acting Deputy Chief, Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs
Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Paul Murray
Acting Legal Advisor, Office of the Bureau Chief
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, FCC

Madonna Peltier Yawakie (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa)
President & CEO, Turtle Island Communications, Inc.
Engineering and project management consultants,
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Telecommunications Project

Steve Cooper
Director, Technology Opportunity Project
Santa Ana Pueblo

Michael Peralta (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians)
Network Administrator, Tribal Digital Village Network
Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association

1:00–2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:00–3:45 PM

TRIBAL BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT; TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS AND KEY ISSUES

Presentations by federal government, tribal government, tribal telecom industry and Tribal telecom policy representatives on the fundamental issues that shape how advanced high speed services can be delivered in Indian Country through various technology platforms. Topics will include:

- The current regulatory environment, and key issues of interest to Indian Country
- Technology Options to deliver broadband services for a variety of tribal government and community applications
- Effective federal and non-federal funding mechanisms
- Growth planning strategies, such as demand aggregation, and partnerships that are essential to robust broadband deployment on Tribal lands

Moderator: Geoffrey C. Blackwell (Muscogee (Creek) Nation)
Senior Attorney and Liaison to Tribal Governments
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

Pam Slipakoff
Senior Attorney, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC

Harry Hutson
General Field Representative
Southwest Region, Rural Utilities Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture

Godfrey Enjady (Mescalero Apache Tribe)
General Manager, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc.
Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians Telecommunications
Subcommittee

Valerie Fast Horse (Coeur d'Alene Tribe)
Director, Information Technology Department, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Co-Chair, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Telecommunications
and Utilities Subcommittee

Kade Twist (Cherokee Nation)
Vice President, Native Networking Policy Center

3:45–4:00 PM AFTERNOON BREAK

4:00–5:00 PM

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAMS AND REGULATIONS

Presentations by FCC and Universal Service Administrative Company representatives on Universal Service Fund programs in Indian Country. Topics will include:

- New rules and recommended guidelines for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designations, including rules providing for consultation with Tribal governments
- An overview of High Cost Loop Support and how it is utilized to provide telecommunications services on Tribal Lands
- Rural Health Care and Schools and Libraries regulatory rules and program applications on Tribal lands
- New eligibility and certification rules for the Low Income Lifeline and Link-Up programs and how to coordinate low-income program outreach on Tribal Lands

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Ta'Nea Davis
Assistant Manager, Low Income Program
Universal Service Administrative Company

Geoffrey C. Blackwell (Muscogee (Creek) Nation)
Senior Attorney and Liaison to Tribal Governments
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

5:00 PM

WORKSHOP WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

Sue McNeil
Acting Deputy Chief, Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs
Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

5:10 PM

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FCC-NCIA ITI REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE

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Roundtable Session Agenda – July 29, 2005

An open-forum interactive session organized in one hour segments to focus dialogue on specific topics involving telecom rules and policies, practical deployment issues, and intergovernmental consultation strategies. The roundtable will also include discussion of objectives, performance measures, and potential partnerships relating to telecommunications deployment on tribal lands

8:30 AM INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Sue McNeil
Acting Deputy Chief, Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs
Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

8:40 AM OVERVIEW OF ROUNDTABLE SESSION FORMAT

Geoffrey C. Blackwell (Muscogee (Creek) Nation)
Senior Attorney and Liaison to Tribal Governments
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

8:50 AM MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

Scott Bergmann
Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues
Office of Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission

9:00 AM ITI ROUNDTABLE SESSION

<u>Roundtable Leader and Facilitator:</u>	The Honorable Joe Garcia Governor, San Juan Pueblo First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians
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Roundtable segments:

- Federal and Tribal Broadband Policy Approaches
- Universal Service Programs and Rules, and Communications Development Resource Planning
- Effectuating government-to-government tribal consultation on FCC rules and processes, including the FCC's new rules on ETC designations on Tribal lands

12:45 PM ROUNDTABLE WRAP-UP, NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Sue McNeil
Acting Deputy Chief, Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs
Chief, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC

12:55 PM

CLOSING PRAYER

1:00 PM

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